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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Food Compositions Comprising Waterleaf Leaves and Methods of Using Thereof***(Title of the Invention)*

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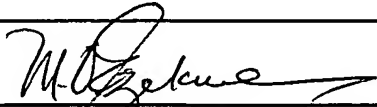
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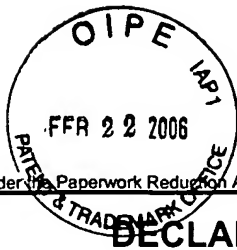
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Samuel Ayuk Besong, 675 Belva Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180 USA, and  
Patrick Emeka Igbokwe, 209 Kendra Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180 USA,

respectively and hereinafter referred to as the applicants, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

Food Compositions Comprising Waterleaf Leaves and Methods of Using Thereof

for which an application for Letters Patent has been executed:

Application No. 10/791,310 filed March 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Alcorn State University (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), having a mailing address and a business address at:

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NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00), the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I (we), the applicants, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right in and to the said Invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, substitutions, renewals, and reissues thereof.

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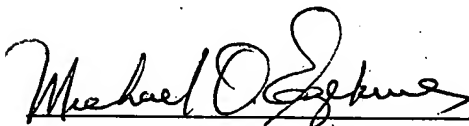
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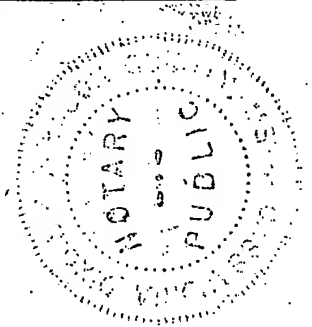
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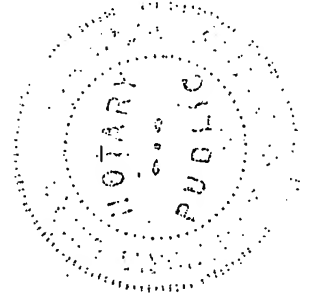
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